

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processing apparatus has interpolation calculation means which outputs, based on an input image signal P7, a binary signal P8=0 or 1 by  
5 calculating a formula,  $P8=S[i](x1,y1) \text{ EXOR } (DF(x1,y1) \text{ AND } IP(x1,y1))$ , using a screen pattern  $S[i](x1,y1)$ , a difference pattern  $DF(x1a,y1a)$  based on screen patterns  $S[i]$  and  $S[i+1]$ , and an interpolation pattern  $IP(x1a,y1a)$ .